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For: **METHOD OF CONNECTING
COMPONENTS OF A MODULAR
FUEL INJECTOR**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

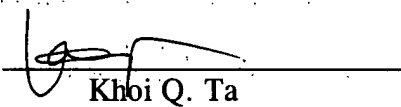
WO 00/06893, published February 10, 2000 in German, relates to an electromagnetic actuable valve which comprises a specially configured stopping area

core/armature. The armature, which before depositing a wear-resistant layer, has a spherically curved contour in the area of its face that is opposite the other component. The face constantly extends in an annular manner in a circumferential direction. The valve is especially suited for use in fuel injection systems of mixture-compression spark ignition internal combustion engines.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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